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MICROMECHANICAL COMPONENT, IN PARTICULAR

A SENSOR ELEMENT, HAVING A STABILIZED

MEMBRANE AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH

A COMPONENT

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SIR:

This Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is filed in response to the Final Office Action of July 14, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.